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# **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**October & November 2009**



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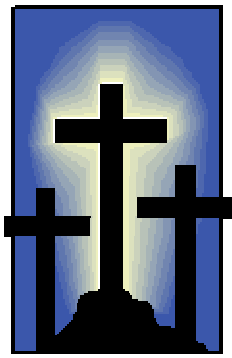
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## SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

### October/November 2009

While on vacation I read an article from the August/September '09 edition of "Perspectives", a periodical resource. I was taken by an article called, "The Burden of Empathy", written by Jim Hibma. It was based on a verse from Galatians 6, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." The following are excerpts from his article.

He talked about the excuses people give for not going to church. There are those who say they find God on the golf course on Sunday morning or that Sunday is the only day they can sleep in and a variety of other excuses. Mr. Hibma wonders if people do not attend church in an effort to avoid the burden of empathy.

He says in the article, "I am thinking that those who are not in church are cowards. Why do we do this? I haven't mentioned the pastoral prayer where the pastor prays for the whole world. We take a tour in the prayer of all the hot spots on earth, the Middle East, Africa, people in poverty across the globe, the pain of suffering of people that I don't know. The mental illness that abounds in folks. People in depression and despair. We prayed for other churches in this country and across earth. People who because of their sense of calling, are separated from loved ones. All who struggle were remembered. The point is that I could have watched a sunrise somewhere that morning. Or walked all morning in a park, played a round of golf. I could have avoided all of this by just sleeping in that day.

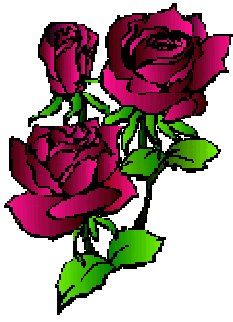
Call it an epiphany. Call it whatever you want. But it takes courage to open oneself up emotionally to the pain of others. It takes courage to consider what can be done, to remember and deal with the burdens that others bear in this world. I know that I saw lots of people that Sunday morning from the balcony, different ages, different abilities, different gifts, but the common element was that they were there. And it showed courage.

So I want to congratulate the churchgoers. I want to thank them for their concerns and for their prayers. Whatever is done about the problems in this world starts with empathy and concern that is eventually translated into action. To open oneself up to all these people, to begin to feel what they feel, even in a little way---Wow! That is courage! People who attend church don't have to do this, but they go willingly, to care for others, to bear their burdens. I think it is amazing that anyone is there at all Sunday morning.

They are doing all this because they want to fulfill the law of Christ."

Love in Christ,

*Pastor Mel Stricklin*



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER  
WE PRAY FOR:**

**MEMBERS:** Lois Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Matilda Griffin, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Matthew Jones, Oneida Jones, Heather Lord, Mary Louise Miller, Sara Moore, Bill Stratton, Shari Underhill, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, Lorraine Walter, and all homebound members.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Genny Casper, Esther Watson, Carol Graff, Debbie Hahn, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Braylynn, Casimer Gorecki, Joyce Rhoten, Pastor Gene Alexander, Bishop Jerry Knoche, Shirley, Ex Officio Bishop Mocko, Pastor Andrea Hagan-Arendt, Linwood Roberts, Troy Gourley, Becky Norwood, Bill Higgins, Christine Wheeler, Heidi Delehanty, Tim Underhill, Ruth McGee, Cassie Harris, Joe Urban, Pastor Dick Michael, Tanner Yingling, Charles Hilton, Sean Mays, Shirley Hoehne, Rita Baker-Schmidt, Jonathan Rathbone, Ed McCarthy, Betty Lehman, George Gruebel, Terry Webb, Brian Lally, Michelle Harris, Amanda Harris, Mark Baskette, Katie Gore, Kim Mays, Patsy Tracy, Aaron Stanton, Nicole Rhodes, David Sensabaugh, Tyler Rafferty, Megan Kemp, Irene, Noah, Tyler Hannon, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:** family and friends of Sophia Carrera, Elizabeth “Skeeter” Houck, Desmond Richardson, Claud Steger, Mary McDonald, and Francis Stem. May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them peace and comfort.

**THE PRAYER:** We pray for the poor, the homeless, the lonely, and those who are in need of healing especially (names). May your love in our hands help bring about restoration. Hold them close to you and give them respite. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

- The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18
- Patience is also a form of action. Auguste Rodin
- The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious. Martin Luther
- The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up. Mark Twain

**BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. Who was Noah’s youngest son?
2. Which disciple was probably a twin?
3. Who was older, Moses or Aaron?
4. Which epistle advises, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord”?
5. In which Gospel did Jesus predict that children rebelling against their parents would be a sign of the end times?

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to those who took care of getting our parking lot restriped..

to Sarah Morris for leading the Favorite Hymn Sunday.

to Pastor Norma Schenning who filled in while Pastor Mel was on vacation.

to Suzi Lyons who heads up the Sally Foster fund raiser.

to all those who donate and help with sandwich making each month. They make over 600 sandwiches each month.

to Susan Fleming and Sarah Morris for cleaning of the church.

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## Putting Caring into Action

Neighbors are walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Each year some 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in locally-organized, interfaith CROP Hunger Walks that help support the work of Church World Service both around the world and here at home.

This year the Hampstead/Manchester area walk will be held on October 4th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Cape Horn Park with registration beginning at 1:30pm. Live music, a moon bounce, free refreshments, and incentives will be offered.

Church World Service CROP Walks (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) share a quarter of what is raised with local communities' hunger fighting efforts such as food banks and community gardens. Last year the participants in the Manchester/Hampstead CROP Walk donated over \$1,800.00 dollars to The North East Social Action Program Food Pantry for their neighbors in need of support.

On line registration and donations can be given at [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org). For more information about this joyous service celebration, please call Lynn Sheavly at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 410-374-6944.

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**ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA** 1. Ham (Genesis 9:18-24) 2. Thomas (John 11:16) 3. Aaron (Exodus 7:7) 4. Ephesians (6:1) 5. Mark (13:12).

# NEWS

## RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 13 we had a great Rally Day. 71 people (42 adults and 29 young people) attended. Many enjoyed the good food, and there were lots of fun had by all. We thank all those helped make this event happen. This occasion kicked off our Christian Education year with Sunday School classes that began Sunday, September 20. We thank Patti Schunk, and Colleen Geldmacher for making this such an enjoyable Sunday for all ages.



## WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

We welcome to our church family the Mountcastles. Brad and Kelly with daughters Ashley, age 4 and Rachael, age 1 joined our church during worship July 26. Rachael was baptized during this time. The Godparents for Rachael were Nick and Carrie Shaffer. Both Brad and Kelly work for Johns Hopkins University. He is a physical trainer for 24 different teams and Kelly works in the accounting payroll office. The family loves to go camping whenever they have free time. They are even joining in with other families here at St.

Paul's when the group decides to camp together. During any free time they may find, Brad likes to fish and Kelly likes to scrapbook. They are becoming quite active in our church and we so welcome them to St. Paul's Church. They live at 4288 Wolf Hill Dr., Hampstead, MD 21074. Their birth dates are: Brad 9/11, Kelly 8/24, Ashley 1/7, Rachael 8/22. Brad and Kelly's anniversary date is 9/18.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Alan Miller and Becky Harris Shaben on their wedding. The service was held here on Saturday, August 1 with the reception held at the Carroll County Farm Museum. We wish them much happiness in the future.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

All those who teach, volunteer, and assist with our Christian Education and Vacation Bible School were installed on Sunday, September 13 during worship. We thank them all for caring for our children and for helping them along in their faith journeys.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Matthew Jones who was the recipient of a scholarship from the Pauline and Emory Hoffman Scholarship Fund. Matthew is attending the University of Maryland, College Park. We wish him well in his continuing education endeavors.

## FLEA MARKET

Our last flea market of the year will be October 10. The hours will be the same from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. We thank Sarah and Bob Morris for all the hard work they have done this year to make all the flea markets huge successes. Thanks, also, goes to all those who have donated time and food each month. The funds raised help with our outreach projects, property repairs, and the general fund. Again thanks to all for all the hard work in making our flea markets vibrant events.

## BASKET BINGO

Our Fourth Annual Basket/Pampered Chef/Vera Bradley Bingo event will take place Friday, October 2. Doors open at 5:30; early bird game starts at 6:45; tickets are \$12 in advance \$15 at the door.

We hope you will be a part of this very special fund raising occasion. Buy your tickets, sponsor a basket and come on out to a great night of fun and fellowship!



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## *Celebrations for October & November*

### October Birthdays

2	Ruth Hardesty Mary Steger
5	Bill Peters.
9	George Walter
10	Jim Bosley Jayme Folfas
11	Tammy Boose
13	Rosalie Croft Gene Zepp
14	Rodney Hale Helen Utz
15	Vivian Chenoweth
16	Samantha Henry
19	Alicia Warren Brinlee Dubois
20	Jon Armacost
21	Carrie Durham Mike Durham
24	J.C.S. Bosley
28	Logan Bradford
29	Kimberly Kelly
30	Scott Hale

### October Anniversaries

6	Wade & Carol Hilgartner Shawn & Sara Singer
26	Charles & Sandy Baber

### November Birthdays


2	Bobby Watson
6	Bob Durham, Jr.
7	Mike Armacost
10	Anne Durham
12	Eric McGee Pete Panakagos
14	Tommy Green, Sr.
16	Sue Bosley
18	Jeff Hale
20	Bobby Fuller, Jr.
22	Lauren Hancock
23	Benjamin Baber
29	Rick Jones



### November Anniversaries

5	Bryan & Sue Benson
18	Vernon & Gladys Walter
26	Jesse & Claudia McGee

# October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2 530 pm Basket Bingo fund raiser – Arcadia Firehall	3 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
4 900am – Worship  Youth Sunday  Food Collection  1215pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation  200-400 Crop Walk	5	6 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	7 730 pm AA	8	9	10 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours  800am-400pm Flea Market
11 900am – Worship  1215pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation	12	13 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours  7:00pm – Council	14 730 pm AA	15	16	17 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
18 900am – Worship Harvest Home Sunday  Second Offering World Hunger  Fellowship after Worship  1215pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation	19	20 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	21 6:45pm – Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran  730 pm AA	22	23	24 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
25 900am – Worship Reformation Sunday   1130-230- Halloween Party	26	27 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	28	29	30	31 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours

# November

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<b>1</b> 900am – Worship  Food Collection Sunday  Youth Sunday	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
<b>8</b> 900am – Worship  Second Offering: Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry  Annual Congregational Meeting  1215pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours  7:00pm - Council	<b>11</b> 730 pm AA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours  930am Council Workshop
<b>15</b> 900am – Worship  Installation of Council and Officers  Fellowship after service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	<b>18</b> 730 pm AA  645pm -Healing Service @ St. Paul's	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30am Shared Ministry Workshop  1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
<b>22</b> 900am – Worship  1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 12:15	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours  300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	<b>25</b> 730 pm AA  730pm – Community Thanksgiving Service, St. Mark's Hampstead	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 am – 3 pm Christmas Bazaar  12:00 pm - 1:30pm Pastor's Office Hours
<b>29</b> 900am – Worship	<b>30</b>					

*Delaware - Maryland  
Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

July 2009

Dear friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce to you my retirement as of October 31, 2009. The decision has not been easy for me to make for several reasons. One is that I feel that I have learned some of the skills needed for this calling and made the contacts that make a bishop most effective. In addition, I allowed my name to go forward in the balloting for a second term with every intention of completing it. However, as many of you are aware, my health has been a concern for the last few years. Initially I thought that my health issues would be finally and fully addressed once my foot had healed. This has not been the case, as I now face the need for knee replacement in both knees, with surgery scheduled for January 12 and 19, 2010.

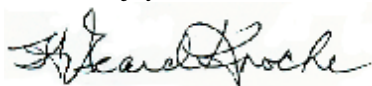
The synod has been very patient and much in prayer during my past illnesses, for which I am most grateful. But after much discussion and prayer, I have come to the conclusion that the synod needs a bishop who does not have to devote so much time to self-care when there is so much synodical work to be done. It is on this basis, and this basis alone, that I have decided to retire.

From this point on, the Synod Council will determine the process to be followed during the transition to a new bishop. Having worked with this group for some time and knowing the strong leadership skills of Vice President Yolanda Tanner, I am confident that the council will act prayerfully, faithfully and decisively to guide the synod during this time. One possibility is that the council will appoint an interim bishop and call a special synod assembly early in 2010 to elect a bishop. Whatever the council decides, however, will be communicated with all members of the synod in as many ways as possible. I know you join me in offering prayers of gratitude that God has blessed us with these faithful leaders and prayers that God will continue to offer them guidance in the days ahead.

It has been a privilege to serve as your bishop, a calling that was as surprising to me as it was to many of you. Whatever I have accomplished reflects largely on the fine work of the assistants to the bishop and the synod staff. I can retire with confidence because I know how faithfully and competently they work. As my health permits, and as the new bishop and the Synod Council think appropriate, I hope to continue in retirement to try to bring into being the Lutheran Adolescent Recovery School and to help the "Sowing for the Harvest" campaign.

Again, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your bishop. God has sustained me in that calling, and for that I give thanks. Pray for me, and I will pray for you, in the days ahead.

Peace and joy,



H. Gerard Knoche  
Bishop



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**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> — 11:30 — Until...

**WHO:** Anyone who dresses in costume

**WHAT:** A fun Costume Party with Games, Food, and gifts for the kids **TRUNK**

**OR TREATING TOO!!!!**

**WHERE:** Outside at the Playground (weather permitting) Indoors if poor weather.

**CHILDREN WILL HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THEN WE WILL SERVE A PIZZA LUNCH. THE PARTY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KIDS GET INTO THEIR COSTUME.**